

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The present invention relates to a stapler for stapling together a workpiece, primarily a sheaf of papers, by means of a staple, which stapler comprises a base part and a stapling unit which, by means of a connecting means, are connected in such manner that they can be moved towards and away from each other as part of a reciprocating stapling action, and in which the stapling unit incorporates a magazine in which staple blanks are stored and a driver which, during the stapling action, drives a staple blank, which is formed into a shape consisting of a first and a second leg with an intermediate crown, through an outlet opening which is in connection with the magazine, and in which the base part comprises a lower and an upper part, which upper part is connected in such manner to the lower part that it can be moved towards and away from the lower part, and between which parts is provided a first elastic element which, in an initial position, moves the upper and lower parts apart, the upper part being provided with a surface on which the workpiece to be stapled is placed and

in which surface is arranged an opening through which the legs of the staple driven by the driver pass after the legs have passed through the workpiece, and to which upper part bending devices, arranged pivotably about individual pivot pins, are connected in the area under the opening, the upper part, in the initial position, being blocked, by means of a blocking arrangement, from being moved in a downward direction towards the lower part when the driver drives the staple legs through the workpiece, and which blocking arrangement is disengaged by a releasing arrangement when the driver has driven the staple into a position in which the crown of the staple is in contact with the upper surface of the workpiece, whereupon the upper part and the stapling unit are moved towards the lower part, causing the bending devices, by interaction with the lower part, to be pivoted about their respective pivot pins in the direction of the upper part, thereby moving the staple legs against the underside of the workpiece.